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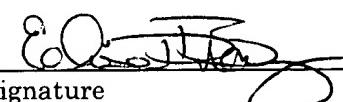
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number : 09/672,287
Filing Date : September 28, 2000
Inventor(s) : Keiko Matsubara, et al.
Title : NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY ELECTRODE FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY, RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERY AND METHOD OF PREPARING NEGATIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY
Group Art Unit : 1745
Examiner Name : Dah Wei D. Yuan
Docket No. : 40589/DBP/Y35

Date: January 31, 2003

MAIL TO: Box RCE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

a. Pending (no review proceedings active)

(1) An Action was mailed by the Office on 8/2/02, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and

a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on 12/9/02
via Express Mail

with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
 that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request

an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated

(2) Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on _____
 the Issue Fee has not been paid
 the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on _____

b. Pending (with review proceeding active)

An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the**

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application.

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed
on _____
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 Other:

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 Information Disclosure Statement
 Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
 Petition for Extension of Time
 Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submission(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please address all correspondence to **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068.**

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET

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PART I - BASIC FEE

BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$375.00	Large Entity \$750.00	\$750.00
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Part II - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	13	* 20	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	-0-
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	-0-
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$140.00	\$280.00	-0-
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$0.00

List Independent Claims: 1 and 9

* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.
** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.

3. FEES (*The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.*)

- a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)
A check for \$750.00 is enclosed.
- b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.